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SUBJECT:NATO CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING (CEP): REPLIES TO
-- FRG QUERIES ON U.S. CEP

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1. EMBASSY BONN MAY DRAW ON THE FOLLOWING IN REPLYING TO
FRG CEP OFFICIAL MENKE-GLUECKERT.

2. THE PRINCIPAL US DELEGATE TO THE NATO SENIOR CIVIL
EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (SCEPC) IS PROVIDED BY THE
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FEDERAL PREPAREDNESS AGENCY (FPA/GSA). FPA IS CHARGED
WITH OVERALL PLANNING RESPONSIBILITY FOR US CIVIL
EMERGENCY PLANNING. THE DIRECTOR, FEDERAL PREPAREDNESS
AGENCY, GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (FPA/GSA), ASSISTS
THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE IN MEETING ITS RESPONSIBILITY WITH
RESPECT TO US FOREIGN POLICY VIS-A-VIS NATO BY PROVIDING
THIS DELEGATE. WITH THE RECENT DEPARTURE OF MAJOR

GENERAL (USAF, RET.) LESLIE W. BRAY FROM FPA, THE ACTING DIRECTOR IS MR. DALIMIL KYBAL.

3. THE DECISION ON WHO WITHIN FPA WILL ATTEND THE SCEPC PLENARY AT END JUNE HAS NOT BEEN MADE; HOWEVER, AMEMBASSY BONN WILL BE INFORMED AS SOON AS THIS DECISION IS MADE.

4. THE DIRECTOR, DEFENSE CIVIL PREPAREDNESS AGENCY, MR. TIRANA, IS NORMALLY THE U.S. DELEGATE TO THE NATO CIVIL DEFENSE COMMITTEE (CDC), ONE OF THE SCEPC'S EIGHT PLANNING BOARDS AND COMMITTEES. THE NEXT CDC MEETING WILL CONVENE IN ROME ON 10-14 OCTOBER 1977.

5. IN REGARD TO REVIEWS OF CIVIL DEFENSE, THE U.S. CONGRESSIONAL JOINT COMMITTEE ON DEFENSE PRODUCTION HAS BEEN CONDUCTING A COMPREHENSIVE OVERSIGHT EXAMINATION OF FEDERAL PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES, AND ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED WITH NON-MILITARY PREPAREDNESS. THE INQUIRY HAS ENCOMPASSED MANY FACETS OF FEDERAL ACTIVITY FROM PEACETIME PROGRAMS FOR INDUSTRIAL MOBILIZATION TO MEASURES AIMED AT PROTECTING LIVES AND PROPERTY FROM NATURAL AND MANMADE DISASTERS. U.S. REPS TO BOTH THE SCEPC AND CDC WILL BE HAPPY TO DISCUSS THE STATUS OF CURRENT U.S. ACTIVITIES IN THIS AREA WITH MENKE-GLUECKERT WHEN THE OCCASION ARISES.

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